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WASHINGTON, DC 20240-0001

In Reply Refer To:
Mail Stop VAE-BSEE-FOIA

November 8, 2018

Sent via Electronic Mail foia@americanoversight.org

Mr. Austin R. Evers
Executive Director,
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, N.W., Suite B255
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 25, 2018, and assigned it control number **BSEE-2019-00014**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. You requested the following:

All email communications and associated attachments between BSEE Director Scott Angelle and the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association (including but not limited to any email address ending in @loga.la). Responsive records include emails on which Director Angelle or any representative of the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association is copied (cc'd) or blind copied (bcc'd). Please provide all responsive records from May 24, 2017, through the date the search is conducted.

In addition to the records requested above, American Oversight also requests records describing the processing of this request, including records sufficient to identify search terms used, locations and custodians searched, and any tracking sheets used to track the processing of this request. If your agency uses FOIA questionnaires or certifications completed by individual custodians or components to determine whether they possess responsive materials or to describe how they conducted searches, we also request any such records prepared in connection with the processing of this request.

We are writing today to respond to your request on behalf of the BSEE. We have enclosed one document containing of 4 pages which are being released in their entirety.

Regarding your request for records describing the processing of this request, an electronic database search was conducted for “@loga.la” between the dates of May 24, 2017 through October 31, 2018 with Scott Angelle as the sender or recipient. Additionally, a manual search of his email account was conducted on October 30, 2018 with the same result. I have attached the BSEE FOIA search tracker that was produced as a result of this search.

Conclusion

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. *See* [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.49\(a\)\(1\)](#). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

This concludes BSEE's response to your request. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact me by phone at (703) 787-1204, by fax at (703) 787-1207, by email at bseefoia@bsee.gov, or by mail at Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, FOIA Office, Mail Stop: VAE-BSEE FOIA, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ashley Rychak

Ashley Rychak
Government Information Specialist (FOIA)
BSEE FOIA Office

Enclosure:
As stated

From: Eileen Angelico
To: [cece richter](#)
Cc: [CeCe Richter](#); [Beard, Preston](#); monica.mcbrady@bsee.gov; [Scott A. Angelle](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] REQUEST FOR MEETING: BSEE Director Scott Angelle on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018
Date: Friday, September 7, 2018 1:22:44 PM

Thanks CeCe.

It is always good to work with you.

Eileen

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2018, at 12:02 PM, cece richter <cecerichter@icloud.com> wrote:

sorry, I got sidetracked.

Gifford's cell 225-892-7688

CeCe Richter | Assistant to the President

225-324-2953 | c

225-388-9525 | w

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"LOGA is Louisiana's Oil & Gas Industry"

On Sep 6, 2018, at 2:31 PM, Eileen Angelico
<eileen.angelico@bsee.gov> wrote:

Thanks for your efforts, CeCe.

We will keep our meeting at 2:30pm.

See you then.

Eileen

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 6, 2018, at 2:19 PM, cece richter <cecerichter@icloud.com> wrote:

I'm so sorry, Gifford has a meeting in New Orleans at 10:30 tomorrow and will be rushing back to make it for 2:30.

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"LOGA is Louisiana's Oil & Gas Industry"

On Sep 6, 2018, at 2:12 PM, Eileen Angelico <eileen.angelico@bsee.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon CeCe,

We are reviewing our schedule for tomorrow. Is it possible for Scott and Gifford to meet earlier? Scott is available to meet as early as 11:45am.

Please let me know. I appreciate all of your assistance in making this happen.

Thanks,

Eileen

Eileen P. Angelico
BSEE Public Affairs
(504) 654-7840 mobile

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2018, at 11:04 AM, cece richter
<cecerichter@icloud.com> wrote:

Can we do 2:30-3.30 and define LOGA leadership please. Our executive committee is 7 people but not sure I could get them all here on a Friday afternoon. Our board is ridiculously large. Sec angelle knows a lot of Our board members if he would like us to target some specific individuals

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2018, at 10:52 AM,
Angelico, Eileen
<eileen.angelico@bsee.gov>
wrote:

Good day CeCe,

I hope this email finds you well. BSEE Director Scott Angelle is traveling throughout the Gulf coast this week. He will be in Baton Rouge this **Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.** Director Angelle is interested in meeting with the leadership of Louisiana Oil and Gas Association in Baton Rouge. He would like to discuss current priorities of LOGA and share BSEE's initiatives.

He is available from 10 - 11am and 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Friday, Sept. 7, 2018

Please let me know if either of these times work for you. We are working from the road so the best way to get in touch with me is

through my mobile
phone, (504) 654-7840,
or email.

We look forward to
having a productive
meeting.

Thanks,

Eileen

Eileen Angelico
BSEE Public Affairs
(504) 654-7840 mobile

BSEE FOIA OFFICE

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Search Tracking Sheet

DATE: October 25, 2018

To: Preston Beard

Due Date: November 2, 2019

FOIA Request Number: BSEE-2019-00014

Requester's Name: Austin Evers

Contact for Questions: Ashley- (703) 787-1204

Please return your response to: Ashley.Rychak@bsee.gov

SUBJECT OF REQUEST: All email communications and associated attachments between BSEE (Request Attached) Director Scott Angelle and the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association

SEARCH KEY WORDS:

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Use only these terms

Use these suggested terms as well as other relevant terms @loga.la

TIME FRAME FOR RESPONSIVE RECORDS: May 24, 2017 to present

GUIDANCE FROM FOIA OFFICE:

- Search your emails, electronic, and hard copy files for responsive documents using the key words and time frame listed above. If your records (electronic or hard copy) have attachments, please ensure they are provided.
- If you need additional clarification, please let us know immediately.
- Refer to the FOIA request number above in all communications concerning this request.
- Please let us know if you believe we should contact other BSEE office(s), DOI office(s), or other agencies should be involved in processing this request.
- Provide any release/denial/exemption recommendations in your response. You are the subject-matter expert (SME) and we appreciate you notifying us of your recommendations for each document or type of document when you initially send the responsive documents.
- Provide copies (never originals) of all responsive records in hard copy or electronic format.

TIME LIMITS:

We have a statutory duty to respond to this request on or before 11-23-18. We therefore need you to provide us with responsive records by 11-2-18.

RESULTS OF SEARCH/REVIEW:

- Total # of responsive documents located (paper & electronic): 1 documents & 4 pages.
- Total amount of time spent searching for responsive documents: & amount of time spent reviewing responsive records.
- Description of reasonable search. Please confirm that a search reasonably calculated to find the requested records was conducted. Please state below what records systems were searched, and how the search was conducted. Include type of records systems searched (e.g., paper files, database, email) and the key words used.

COMMENTS:

Certification of Manager or SME Responsible for Overseeing or Conducting the Search

I certify that all appropriate records systems have been searched and copies of all responsive records have been provided to the BSEE FOIA Office along with any disclosure recommendations we wish to provide.

Signature

Title

Date

Phone Number